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EPH. 2:20

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"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell
together in unity."—Psalm 133:1.

August 21, 1943

TRUEDELL

NOTES From My LETTERS

By
J. H. WALKER
General Overseer

Mrs. Jewell E. Hawkins writes that God definitely healed her ankle for which she wishes to praise God.

TELEGRAM

Good revival. Robert Humbertson from B. T. S., evangelist.—Ray Morgan, pastor, Elkins, W. Va.

We have just closed a deal for some property in Norman and hope to open the church there soon. They purchased a large apartment house with plenty of room for a church in the front and a place for the pastor to live and then rent about three apartments, which will just about pay the monthly payments. They paid \$500 down. We are starting a revival at the mission here next week. We have purchased a five-room parsonage for the state this year, and it is furnished. We have opened five new works and had a fair gain in everything except membership. My sincere prayer is that God may help us to be in His will and that all our efforts may add to the success of the Church of God. —Sincerely yours for God and His Church, H. D. Williams, overseer of Oklahoma.

My soul is still feasting on the wonderful outpouring of the Holy Spirit at the Georgia state convention. Truly that was the very best one yet.

Just before the convention we had a great revival at Riverside. Brother and Sister Roland Dunn were in charge of the music and singing, the pastor did the preaching. There was great interest manifested in the revival. Quite a few new people attended. Best of all the good presence of the Holy Ghost was there. There were thirty-five saved, twenty sanctified, and twelve filled with the Holy Ghost. Truly God was with us.—Linwood Jacobs, pastor, Riverside, Atlanta, Ga.

TELEGRAM

"Just closed revival. Sister Florida Brown, evangelist. Raised almost \$200 on building fund. Holy Ghost message, "No Ration With God."—M. W. Patterson, pastor, Uhrichsville, Ohio.

TELEGRAM

"New church set in order at Waterloo, Iowa, with nineteen members. Spirituality high. Prospects for future look fine."—J. L. Goins, overseer of Iowa.

Just a few lines to let you hear from us. We have just returned from the Pulaski district where we had two outstanding services yesterday (Sunday). We burned the church note at the Pulaski church, having a splendid attendance, including the mayor of

WAITING FOR HELP

Two African chiefs came to Chalmers and said: "We want Christian teachers; will you send them?"

Chalmers had no one to send, and he said, "I have no one; I cannot send anyone." Two years passed and these two chiefs came to him again. Chalmers himself happened to be at liberty, and he traveled over the intervening country, and arrived on Sunday morning. To his surprise, he saw the whole nation on their knees in perfect silence. Chalmers said to one of the chiefs, "What are you doing?"

"Why," he said, "we are praying."

"But," said Chalmers, "you are not saying anything."

"White man," the chief answered, "we do not know what to say. For two years every Sunday morning we have met here; and for four hours we have been on our knees, and we have been praying like that, but we do not know

what to say."

This incident should touch every heart and awaken every slumbering soul to the importance of foreign missions, and the necessity of sending the Gospel to the heathen through missionaries who can preach God's blessed truth with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven.—*Selected.*

THERE WILL BE NO EVANGEL THE WEEK OF THE ASSEMBLY

WHAT A BARREL OF WHISKEY CONTAINS

(Sent in by Rev. Russell Ford)

A barrel of headaches, of heartaches,
of woes;
A barrel of curses, a barrel of blows;
A barrel of sorrow for a loving, weary
wife;
A barrel of care, a barrel of strife;
A barrel of unavailing regret;
A barrel of cares, a barrel of debt;
A barrel of hunger, of poison, of pain;
A barrel of hopes all blasted in vain;
A barrel of poverty, ruin and blight;
A barrel of tears that run in the
night;
A barrel of crime, a barrel of groans;
A barrel of orphans' most pitiful
moans;
A barrel of serpents that hiss as they
pass,
That glow from the liquor in the bead
of the glass;
A barrel of falsehoods, a barrel of
cries,
That fall from the maniac's lips as he
dies.

—Author unknown.

STOP! LOOK! LISTEN!

The Bible Training School and College at Sevierville, Tenn., is urgently in need of double-deck beds. If any pastor or state overseer knows of any college that has closed or where any double-deck beds can be obtained, please write or wire Zeno C. Sharp, President, Sevierville, Tenn., at once.

the town and the president of the Ministerial Association.

From there we went to Parrott for another note-burning Sunday night. We had a nice congregation at this place and a very effective service. Incidentally, these people were worshipping in a small mission building when we came to the State.

This makes the eighth mortgage that we have burned in the last few weeks. We also organized a new church last week with a membership of thirteen. We are hoping to organize two more before the General Assembly. Continue to pray for us and we will be seeing you soon.—W. E. Johnson, overseer of Virginia.

CHIN LIFTERS

For

MINISTERS and LAYMEN

By JONATHAN D. BRIGHT

has been read by the undersigned, with interest, and it is our opinion that it should have a place in the library of every minister.

Such chapters as "Looking Up," "Giving Life for Others" and "Bridle the Tongue" alone are worth the price of the book. Increase your knowledge by reading this book.—E. J. Boehmer, General Secretary-Treasurer, of the Church of God.

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THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

The Baptism With the Holy Ghost

FRANK L. MULLER

Joel 2:28, "And it shall come to pass afterwards that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions."

Over eight hundred years before Pentecost, the prophet Joel, moved by the Spirit of God, wrote of the time when God would pour out His Spirit not only upon the Jew, but upon all flesh. So we see it was in the mind of God and in His plan to have a people that would be FILLED with His Spirit.

MINISTRY OF JOHN

John the Baptist, as a forerunner of Jesus, clothed in a garment of camel hair and a leathern girdle, whose living was the meager fare the wilderness afforded—locust and wild honey—came preaching, "The kingdom of God is at hand," and calling men everywhere to repent and prophesying as the Holy Ghost moved on him, "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear; he shall baptize you with the HOLY GHOST and with fire," referring to Jesus who would be the Lamb of God and who would later die as a sacrifice for the sins of all men, who would shed His blood that men might be sanctified, and who Himself said to His little band of faithful disciples: "If ye love me keep my commandments." "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him, for he dwelleth with you, and shall be IN you." He is here telling the disciples that He will soon fulfil His work or mission in the world, and will go back to the Father to sit down at His right hand until the time He is to return for the saints, but although He is to leave them, He who had been their Teacher, Comforter, and Master, would not leave them long without comfort and spiritual guidance in a world that was against them, for He was going back to the Father and send them the Holy Ghost, not to just dwell with them and move upon them at times, as He had moved upon the shepherd boy David and had given him strength to slay a lion and a bear, and at another time the giant Goliath, who had defied all the armies of Israel; not as He had moved upon Sampson and given him strength to carry off the gates of Gaza, to which his enemies had bound him; not as He had moved upon the prophet Elijah, giving him strength to outrun the swift horses of Ahab; but the Holy Ghost was to be poured out upon these believers, and was to be IN them, abiding with them, making them a living temple of the Holy Ghost, witnessing by speaking in other tongues that He (the Holy Ghost) was abiding within the believers, and guiding them into truth



and righteousness, giving them power to overcome the forces of Satan that they might be witnesses for God unto the uttermost parts of the earth. They were not promised a spirit that would just rest or move upon them at certain intervals, but, if they would be true to God and keep His commandments, one that would abide, or live within them FOREVER.

PURPOSE

The purpose of God in baptizing the believer in the Holy Ghost (and God always has a purpose in all that He does) is to give him a force within himself (the believer) greater than himself, which will fortify him against the powers of Satan, and give him power to testify both by living a life of holiness before all men, and by word of testimony that Jesus is the Savior of the world, and that His sayings are all true. Man is a trinity, consisting of spirit, soul and body. The apostle Paul in writing to the Thessalonians, said, "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly: and I pray God your whole SPIRIT, and SOUL, and BODY be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Man being a spirit is God-conscious and has a desire within him to worship and commune with God. This is said to be present in the savage who, not knowing of the Lord God, worships the sun or moon or stars. Being a soul he is self-conscious. The soul is the seat of affection, desires and emotions. Jesus said to the disciples while in the garden, "My soul is exceeding sorrowful," realizing what He was soon to suffer. Then because man is also a natural body of flesh and blood, he is world-conscious, or in the natural state loves and follows after those things that his fleshly nature desires. There is in existence TWO GREAT POWERS, the power for good which is God and the power for evil which is Satan. Man being weaker is gov-

erned or controlled by a force outside himself, as the tide is governed by the moon, or the steel rail is made to expand by the rays from the far-off sun. When man refuses to listen to the voice of God and his own conscience prompting him to do good and to forsake all evil, he is listening to the evil spirit of Satan, and by following the leadings of this evil spirit he sins and gives over to the cravings and desires of his flesh, and "receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." (1 Cor. 2:14). However, the man that is a believer and has had his sins forgiven and experienced the new birth, who has been sanctified by the blood of Christ and cleansed from sin, consecrated and dedicated to God, is a vessel unto honor and a fit subject for the Holy Ghost to come into, that he might be as the apostle Paul wrote to the Ephesians, "FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT." So if one is baptized or filled with the Holy Ghost, he will be controlled by the Spirit of God and will be a good man out of whose heart proceed good things. So this power the disciples (and all believers who earnestly desire and seek after this blessing) were to receive, was a power enabling them to overcome the power of Satan, and giving them the Holy Ghost fire or a burning zeal to carry the gospel message of salvation to a lost world.

We have considered the purpose of the Spirit baptism, now let us go back to the fulfilled promise when

THE HOLY GHOST WAS GIVEN

The one hundred and twenty believers who had witnessed the ascension of Christ from the Mount of Olives into a cloud of glory, remembered that He had promised them another Comforter if they would tarry in the City of Jerusalem until they should be endued with power from on high, and went into the upper room filled with the joy of the Lord and with faith in His promise. After tarrying, continually praising and blessing God out of their hearts of love, the promised outpouring was given and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave the utterance. Not only was the one hundred and twenty blessed that day, but as men from every nation under heaven (at that time) came to see this strange thing that was taking place, and as the apostle Peter began to preach Jesus to them, telling them to repent and they, too, could also have this baptism of the Spirit, three thousand souls were added to the number that day. Thus we see the Church of God was born in a Pentecostal revival.

A QUESTION

The question is often asked, "Is this experience for us today?" Simon Peter answered this question for us on the day of Pentecost. As he was about to

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Religion and the World

BY THE EDITOR

Retrospective

The General Assembly is fast drawing on, and each time it rolls around we know that another year has passed. The passing year has been one of apparent short duration. The work here has kept me very busy and watching; this may have helped time to pass quickly. I have, however, enjoyed the work greatly. Some things have been more difficult than before the war, or paper rationing; but the Lord has helped us and by His grace we have carried on. Next we hope for a good Assembly, even though circumstances are against us. Did God ever forsake us? God makes the difference.

Conventions

I have attended the following conventions with great blessing and interest:

Tennessee: Had a fine program, great attendance, great preaching and a very fine convention. The spirituality was unquestionably good.

North Carolina: Many exclaimed that it was the greatest attendance they had ever had. Others remarked that it was the best preaching and greatest unity they had seen in the state.

West Virginia: The attendance was good, the spirituality excellent, and the preaching above criticism. Unity and encouragement were very evident.

South Carolina: Great preaching and great attendance. A fine spirit was shown in the convention and I heard no criticism.

Ohio: Unity was a keynote and an inspiration. A very fine convention indeed in every way. Music and preaching not to be excelled.

Georgia: A masterful program was temporarily ended here. A deep spirituality was present. Great entertainment, great unity, and no criticism.

Kentucky: A great attendance, good singing, and good preaching. A great year for Kentucky was echoed here. Spiritual and enjoyable in every way. All these conventions were unusually good, extra good.

I Agree

Pathfinder, under the caption of "Amen," wrote concerning a supposed statement by "General Electric's Wilson" who is reported to have said, "What this nation needs is a man to lead it in prayer." "Never more fitting words came from human lips."

Washington "Wettest City in Country"

This is the charge made against Washington by Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes speaking at a union service at Springfield, Ill. The bishop deplored the dangers of the 500,000 young people under 29 years of age working there. Further commenting on the situation, Bishop Hughes stated that

"drinking and drunkenness in Washington are fearful." "The per capita liquor consumption in Washington, he said, is twice that of the State of Nevada, which, he pointed out, had for many years held the title of 'leading the American booze parade.'" There has been strong reaction to Bishop Hughes' charges, however there has been a "unified program" adopted by twenty Protestant churches of Washington to try to reduce the "moral laxity" and increase of juvenile delinquency, which in some sense agrees with his statement. The National Civic League recently issued a news release supporting Bishop Hughes' contention that "Washington outranks the nation," according to editor of *The Protestant Voice*.

Oklahoma and Religious Schools

A report to the effect that "four times as many week-day schools of religion" will be established during the next school term, for fourth, fifth and sixth grade pupils, as were in operation last year should be of great interest to churches everywhere. Plans have been approved by Oklahoma City Council of Churches.

The Possibilities of Birth Control

Dr. Edgar Schmiedler speaking relative to "birth control" said that "In the United States at large, 42 per cent of the married women have no children whatever or only one child; in the country at large, only one-third of the married women have a sufficient number of children to keep the population of the country even at a stationary level; in the country at large the urban birth rate has fallen so low that all American cities of 100,000 and more would, in three generations or 100 years, fall to one-third of their present size if left without accessions to their population from the outside. That is, a city of 300,000 in three generations would fall to a city of 100,000." The possible tragedy of birth control can be seen, as threatening the safety of the nation as compared to the increase of other nations.

Judge Invites Pastors To Hear Juvenile Cases

Circuit Judge Michael Scott, of St. Louis, is reported to be one of the few judges who picture Christ as overlooking the judge's table. He has invited pastors of the Metropolitan Church Federation to sit at the council table with him as he reviews cases of juvenile delinquency. Judge Scott is of the opinion that the Church is a great moral force in shaping and determining the destiny of children, he further purposes to give the Church a chance to act in stamping out juvenile crimes and to use its influence and power for the good of the community which it serves.

Religion in British Schools

R. A. Butler, president of the Board of Education, at a meeting of the World Congress of Faiths, in his address stated that the "British Government is seeking a definite and assured place" for religion in the schools and that all children shall have the opportunity of being brought up in the faith of their parents." This at least would be as fair with religion as with other theories, many of which are false sciences.

The Church and the Nazis

A report coming out of Stockholm states that German occupation authorities have ordered spires and roofs of all churches in "the Baltic States of Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia, stripped of all copper for war purposes." Church bells were confiscated some several months ago in this section. Word also comes from London that the Germans are now making complaints because Dutch citizens hang religious mottoes in windows of their homes.

Norwegians Face Firing Squad

A report coming out of Stockholm by RNS, states that "A Lutheran Church lay official led a group of eleven doomed Norwegians in prayer and hymns as they faced a Nazi firing squad in Norway last May. While singing the hymn, 'O God, Our Help in Ages Past,' the shots rang out. Several German soldiers assembled for the execution wept as they saw the Norwegians die."

Gas Kation and Your Church

Dr. Bowlby, writing on how gas rationing has affected church attendance, reports that churches have been little affected due to the rationing system. "In Westchester County, New York, in the heart of the 'crisis' area, there's a little church that is drawing more people than ever before. They have a new pastor, and you can't keep people away." Your church can be like this one if the fire is brightly burning.

World Kingdom

There was in the mind of Hitler a world kingdom. There was in the mind of Lenin and Stalin a world kingdom. The political trend seems to necessitate such a thing and no less the economic situation demands it. The worst of it is that the world will try to set up a world kingdom under antichrist without giving God right of consideration. Therefore antichrist will come and attempt to unify all mankind in a godless role of depraved unity. He will fail. He will, however, try to erase God from the minds, thoughts and hearts of men. This desperate situation demands and fully necessitates the coming of Christ to set up His kingdom. If the world rulers see the need of and talk of world political unity, much more God knows and understands the needs of such unity. God, therefore, planned for such a kingdom and unity under His Son Jesus Christ. It will come and Christ will overthrow antichrist and the time will come that the saints shall possess the kingdom.

The Christian Race

By Rev. E. C. Clark, Editor and Publisher

Text, "Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize. So run, that ye may obtain." 1 Cor. 9:24.

INTRODUCTION

The Apostle, being a Jew and having been raised in Tarsus, a Greek city, was familiar with Greek customs,



games, mythologies, etc., which he again and again uses to a good advantage in gospel illustrations, like our Lord used the parables of natural things to illustrate spiritual or heavenly things.

In tests and trials, he was thinking how much the Christian in his race was like the ordinary runner in Greek foot races.

1. He points out how all the runners in such races would run hoping to obtain the prize. 2. He points out that though all ran in such races, that "one obtaineth the prize." 3. He admonished the Corinthian Christians, "So run, that ye may obtain."

FACING THE JUDGES

In verse twenty-five Paul tells us that "every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things." This self-control or "temperance" in all things, so far as a contestant in a foot race was concerned, was that his habits of life must be in keeping with what would promote his physical possibilities of fitness for the day of the race. His diet, his exercise, his rest and all needed preparation for the final race course, was carefully scrutinized by the judges of the contest. All this physical training and preparation of ten months was spent intent "to obtain a corruptible crown." If they would go through all this rigorous workout and discipline of the judges, "to obtain a corruptible crown," much more the Christian should obey the discipline of Christ "to obtain an incorruptible" crown. Theirs was but a garland, a wreath, the stephanos; but ours will be a crown of life, a crown of glory. Theirs would soon fade away, but ours "fadeth not away." 1 Peter 5:4. In verse 26 Paul tells us, "I therefore so run." Yes, like as these young contestants would prepare for and finally run the race, which would decide the winner, God has put His saints on exhibition before the world, to prepare for and to live the Christian life; to "run with patience the race that is set before us," Heb. 12:1, that at the end the Righteous Judge may declare us

"overcomers," winners through the grace of Christ.

THE PRIZE FIGHTER

Gliding quickly from the race course, the apostle thinks next of the prize fighter, how he prepares to slug with his opponent, and adds simply, "So fight I." I am not only running the Christian race, he tells us, but there is also conflict in this race and I have to slug it out with my common foe—Satan. He quickly shot back with the words "not as one that beateth the air." He was not missing. He had no time for pranks. He was serious. He was up against a mighty foe. Unlike prize fighters who would strike into the air and purposely miss their opponents, or the shadow boxers, he did not pretend in order to fool his contestant; he must fight "a good fight"; every moment must count, and every stroke must weaken the foe.

SELF-DISCIPLINE

"But I keep my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway," 1 Cor. 9:27. He means here that I obey the rules of the contest, lest I be disqualified by the judge. If a fighter strikes below the belt, he may lose the fight by being disqualified. Paul could have been, and we can must certainly be disqualified if we do not "practice what we preach." We must obey the instructions laid down of God for ministers. We are to be "ensamples" and we cannot violate God's Word or plan for us and win in this fight. To "keep under" literally meant to give himself a black eye. There were times when the apostle had to turn on himself and line himself up. To do so may cause self-denial, hardship, and suffering; this would be "a black eye"; he must suffer in some form of crucifixion with Christ. Most of us enjoy giving the other fellow "a black eye" but few of us wish to turn on ourselves and do in many cases what we ask the other fellow to do. If, however, we are "crucified with Christ," we shall live; "yet not I, but Christ liveth in me," Gal. 2:20. "If we suffer with him, we shall also reign with him," 2 Tim. 2:12.

DISQUALIFIED MINISTERS

There are many ministers who today do not keep the "training rules" and are, therefore, disqualified by the Lord Himself. They go on preaching great sermons, skinning and clubbing; lifting the standard so high that there are few who can meet it, and one which they most certainly have not met themselves. They are in their opinion about the whole show, but they bear no fruit. God does not use them because He cannot. Years past they may have gotten out of His

will, and may have overridden the wooing of the Holy Ghost, as a result they have become critical and hard in their ministry and therefore unfruitful in their ministry and lives. Ministers are the representatives of Christ and they are supposed to live and act like Christ. It is no wonder some are not wanted. They have not been humble, faithful, patient and holy before God and His people. There is a difference in "shaking yourself" and breaking the withes that bind.

RUNNING AND FORGETTING

Still fighting, but also running, in Phil. 3:13 Paul tells us, "I count not myself to have apprehended (attained): but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before." His mind reflects again to the race course. Like the runners, he has not reached the end of the race. He, therefore, fully realizes that he has not "attained" what Christ apprehended him for when He called him to preach the gospel. But "forgetting" things about him and all those who may be "behind" him, he has his eyes set fast upon the goal of the Christian race. He thinks not of other runners behind him. To do so would cause his aim, his mind to waver and soon his competitor would dash by him and he would have lost the race. He is simply resolved to do one thing and that is "to reach forth" as if to grasp the "stephanos" or crown at the end of the race. Yes, this is exactly what he tells us he has in mind, in verse fourteen. He intensified his effort. He not only is "reaching forth" but is actually "pressing" toward the "prize" of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. There were difficulties for him, and there are hindrances for the rest of us but we reach by the "eye of faith" for furtherance of joy and Christian perfection incident to His appearing and qualification of ourselves for "the prize." Here again as before, the "prize" was a wreath, a garland, simply a "stephanos" as a reward of the runners in "foot races." The apostle, however, had in mind the "incorruptible crown" of life, the "crown that fadeth not away."

A GOOD FIGHT

Two things had filled the apostle's whole life: 1. Running the "race" of life beset with difficulties and dangers. 2. Fighting every inch of the way if needs be, leaving no question as to his ambition or purpose. Therefore, when he had come to the end of the way, he could reflect as if he were a contestant standing before or about to stand before the judges or referees of a pugilistic battle in which he had

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It is high time to record, for the benefit of Christian circles in America which are all too prone to regard Christians in Germany as "slackers," a few of the major achievements of the German Church.

At the moment of writing it is just exactly one year since the good ship Drottningholm docked in the Hudson River and put a period to my six-year pastorate among the Americans resident in Berlin.

Since then I have zealously employed both the oral and the written word to describe the nature of German religiosity, the vicious assaults of Nazism on the Christian Church, and the increasingly successful resistance of the Christian faith to Hitlerism. But both in the United States and during my recent visit to England I have encountered a hard core of disbelief or incredulity among Christians who seem reluctant, despite their admiration for Pastor Niemöller, to credit the German Church with anything more than wishy-washy indecision or, in fact, supine acquiescence.

RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Granting that the German Church is guilty of gross sins both of omission and commission (what church is not?), the reports that have filtered out of the Reich in the last year are particularly gratifying, not merely because they tempt some of us to say, "I told you so!" but because they reveal the true extent of unsuspected Christian activity.

Let me list some of the major victories of the Church in the last couple of years. They are the result of direct action on the part of Christian leaders. First of all, two separate attempts on the part of rabid Nazis to dissolve the German Church within the last two years have been thwarted without compromise; second, German home missions have been snatched from "co-ordination" into the Nazi Welfare Agency (NSV); third, Christian churches in the annexed areas (e. g., Poland and Alsace) have been rescued from the acute danger of dissolution; fourth, the reason we do not hear about euthanasia (mercy killing) any more is that an aroused Christian public opinion put a stop to it when even the medical profession was powerless; fifth, religious education has been extended into post-confirmation and adult groups throughout the country; sixth, a nation-wide evangelistic program has been instituted and is spreading with great success, particularly in industrial areas like the Ruhr; seventh, Christian ministry has brought incalculable amelioration to the plight of prisoners of war, especially the Russians whom the Red Cross could not reach; ninth, sympathetic friends right in the armies of occupation have enabled Christians in subjugated lands to pursue an otherwise impossible course of action; tenth, the German Church has exploited the war to promote a spirit of ecumenicity at home, in occupied countries and even on the German front through the work of chaplains.

The Church in

The time when Hitler with impunity might have deprived the German Church of its corporative rights is irretrievably gone. Before the war his policy was based on his belief that the Church would die a natural death, and a large number of German church members agreed with him. Apparently he was convinced at the outbreak of war that a quick Nazi conquest of Europe would only hasten the demise. But in the last two years, beginning with the Russian campaign, new spiritual strength has risen rapidly in the supposedly superannuated church. This access of new power has already reached high government circles.

Coincident with an attempt to replace Christian confirmation in March, 1942, with a Nazi Pledge Day there occurred an attempt to disinherit the Church, but the two great bodies of Christians mobilized their forces to such a good effect that some high government officials threatened to resign if the Church was touched. Again and again come reports of the intervention of influential state or army officers in matters concerning the Church. Holland is an outstanding example. Dutch Church leaders do not deny that their successful opposition to typical Nazi measures (such as the Jewish persecution) is largely owing to the partial protection afforded by friendly Germans! Most Germans, it must be remembered, would not dare to expose themselves without the moral support of the Christian communion at home.

The German Army had always used Christian faith to bolster troop morale but now the nazified High Command has substituted Rosenberg's ideology for Christian principles. This ersatz has proved to be a disappointment and, as a consequence, many of the lesser officers have given loose rein to the chaplains and even to the enlisted ministers to work freely in the ranks. The Government saw the danger too late and its attempt to displace the chaplains or to forbid drafted ministers to perform pastoral functions are being disregarded. The Roman Church has protested against what it believes to be a fixed policy of the Nazi regime to decimate the ranks of the clergy by exposing priests and pastors to unusual dangers which have occasioned an average 10 per cent loss of life in this one professional category. In certain instances religious orders or seminaries have lost 15 to 20 per cent of their men at the front. On the other hand, many of the clergy have been decorated for bravery and this—together with their exemplary conduct in camp life—has exercised great influence over the minds of religiously indifferent soldiers and officers. Owing to the wholesale dilution of Himmler's S. S. Army in an effort to achieve military domination by weight of numbers, the "corrupting influence" of Christianity is even at work within that citadel of Nazism where Hitlerism must make its final stand. Not even I in my most

sanguine moments would have anticipated such a development so soon. But, on good authority, that is the latest report from inside the Reich. Of course there are no chaplains in the S. S. Army, but in the first-aid stations and hospitals thousands of Bibles and religious tracts are circulating even though new printings have become virtually impossible.

GERMAN YOUTH

As a result of the leavening activity of several thousand pastors, the Christian Student Movement has seized a new hold on German youths. Of course, this is true not only at the front under the spiritual demands of bitter warfare but at home among the youngsters in whom a sense of disappointment and disillusionment is growing. Statistical records show that large numbers of German boys and girls are being effectively "immunized" (as one account says) against the blandishments of Hitlerian ideology.

In Pomerania, at about the time of the nation-wide Nazi "confirmation," to which I referred above, mass arrests of Bible study groups (aged 16 and 17) were resorted to without shaking the Christian testimony of youths. On the Catholic side, a group of boys in Baden requested the promised permission to leave a Hitler youth camp for Sunday service. At first they were refused but their tenacity won out and 400 of them marched off to participate in the communion service.

A further illustration: In the Rhineland last summer there was held a training camp for 18-year-old boys who were being prepared for the army. The camp was organized by the S. S. to secure candidates for the S. S. Army and many inducements—better pay, faster promotion, favored status in civilian life—were offered. But of 200 boys only 16 registered in this anti-Christian organization!

It cannot be denied that a certain amount of re-education will be necessary in Germany, but the Church has already begun the job and its quiet work has produced results. Christian confirmation today means much more than it meant a generation ago when that ceremony merely represented a kind of social debut. The reason for the change is to be found in a popular realization that Christian teaching answers certain questions which national socialism cannot answer. Therefore, catechetical instruction has taken on a new significance, and a large majority of all German children are still being confirmed!

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

Adults are looking at the Christian Church with a new interest. There is plenty of criticism in their scrutiny but the general attitude is well expressed by one of the labor representatives who meets with Christian leaders to talk over post-war plans.

"Do you know of any other force which can be regarded as essential for future reconstruction? If not, why do you not say that we regard in common

Germany Today

By
Stewart W. Herman, Jr.

the Christian Church as the essential force with which to begin rebuilding society?"

In short, the German Church—like the British and American churches—is faced with an urgent demand for still bolder leadership. The names of Martin Niemöller, Bishop von Galen, Cardinal Faulhaber, Bishop Wurn and many others are inextricably associated with the only institution that has not been subjugated by the Nazi totalitarians; namely, the Church of Christ.

Bishop Wurn, who has emerged as the acknowledged leader of the Lutheran Church, protested publicly to Dr. Goebbels last December: "In your propaganda to the Russian people you say, 'Adolph Hitler and the German Army wish to restore freedom to religion to the Russian people,' but among us in Germany you work in a quite opposite direction. You are trying to drive the German people away from the Church." He compared bluntly the flood of anti-Christian pamphlets with the halting trickle permitted to issue from the Christian press.

Christian leadership, both Catholic and Protestant, has become bolder as a result of the popular confidence placed in it. Regular Sunday services are much better attended than they have been in many years and special "religious weeks" draw huge crowds in the industrial cities. Naturally, the preachers are not advocating political rebellion. This is not conceived to be the task of the Church. Instead there is a strong feeling that the foundations of a new order must be built in the spirit. The Church is quietly at work on these spiritual foundations.

However, immediate practical problems are not neglected. Where the Church was not morally strong enough to prevent anti-Semitic outbursts, it has, of course, not been able to stop them. But when the whole story of the Christian help to the Jews is written it will be found that many a life was saved by quiet Christian intervention. The churches of Germany have never acknowledged the legality of the so-called "Aryan laws," although certain pastors approved them.

More striking is the effective aid given to Russian prisoners who were not protected by the Geneva Convention because the USSR had never signed the pact which regulates the treatment of war prisoners. Even the Nazi government would have been glad to treat the prisoners humanely if there had been any indication of similar treatment of German prisoners in Russia. But the Russians steadfastly refused to let a single word concerning the fate of German war prisoners reach the outside world. In spite of this situation, the German Church has been largely responsible for getting their authorities, at last, to feed and treat Russians like other prisoners.

Beyond this, countless farmers all over Germany, to whom Russian and

Polish prisoners had been assigned as day laborers, have risked their lives to feed and clothe the men decently. I knew of cases in which estate owners carried surplus food to their prisoners secretly in the dead of night because they could not put starving men to work. They do this even though they are prohibited from worshipping in the same church with "slave labor." The Church represents the one bond they have in common.

IN OCCUPIED LANDS

A great cleft today divides Nazi Germany from every other nation in Europe, although each conquered country has provided a certain number of little Hitlers who have tried to pretend that the day of European union has arrived. On the other hand strong bands of fellowship now bind the German churches to the other continental communions. Incredible as it seems, the armies of occupation carried Christian ambassadors who, very quietly, are knitting church to church in a common front. Both the Roman and the Lutheran churches in Germany have recently gone on record in opposition to the Nazi policy of occupation. Naturally, their protests were couched in language which might appeal to national self-interest. For the first time the German Church dared to criticize Nazi foreign policy but it is not the first time that aid and comfort have been supplied to the alleged "enemies."

Indeed it was the Christians from Germany who first helped the Christian forces in Norway and Holland to organize an effective resistance to the customary Nazi measures. This statement is not intended in any way to subtract from the glory of men like Bishop Berggrav in Norway and Prof. Kraemer in the Netherlands, but merely to indicate that Martyrs find friends even in the midst of the enemy. A Catholic news agency (CIP) reports that six German chaplains were executed secretly for giving food to starving Greeks.

I wish it were possible to give pub-

licity to many unsuspected aspects of the German Church situation. My purpose has been merely to present certain underemphasized facts and to insist that, for better or worse, German Christianity is still a force to be reckoned with. Not long ago a Nazi periodical took editorial alarm in observing that the influence of religion was beginning to constitute a definite danger to national socialism. A Berlin paper (DAZ), not owned by the party, comes closer to the gist of the matter in connecting the rising interest in religion with the soul-shaking experiences that the nation has suffered since the start of the Russian campaign: "Christian faith gives the certainty that the dear ones whom we have given away will enter into the house of God through the grace of salvation."

It is interesting to hear that Dr. Goebbels, who has never been suspected of possessing any religious principles or even a moral standard, should have felt constrained to weep alligator tears amid the ruins of St. Hedwig's Catholic Cathedral in Berlin after a recent raid. But it is more interesting to hear that Protestant churches offered their sanctuaries to the Catholic congregation. The evolution of interconfessional cooperation has proceeded rapidly during the past year, albeit without the papal blessing.

The one great threat to the German Church now is the lack of students for the ministry. Parishes are falling vacant in great numbers and it is becoming increasingly difficult to capitalize on the reviving religious interest of the people. Perhaps there is a second threat even greater than the first; namely, that British and American Christians, by some unchristian act in connection with the prosecution of the war or, as is more likely, in connection with the planning of peace, may jeopardize or discredit the faith which the German people seem to be depositing once more in the spiritual leadership provided by their church.—*Christianity and Crisis.*

WHEN PATRICK HENRY DEFENDED THREE GOSPEL PREACHERS IN COURT

The following article is taken from "The Life of Thomas Jefferson," by James Parton. It shows that attempted efforts to persecute ministers of the gospel, even in this part of the world, have been made. The time has come when pastors, evangelists and laymen, in all parts of the United States, realize the importance of banding themselves together for the defense and maintenance of Christian civil liberties.

Facing the ugly fact of Christian persecution, an organization has been formed—complete details of which will be announced soon, called "The Christian Civil Liberties League." Members of the Executive Committee

include some of the most noted and outstanding men of God in America today. Contact is being made with Christian attorneys in all parts of the country. Like Paul of old, churchmen are now prepared "for the defense and confirmation of the gospel." Philippians 1:7.

The article referred to above explaining how Patrick Henry defended preachers of the gospel is as follows:

"If I have rightly understood," said Patrick Henry, "the King's attorney has framed an indictment for the purpose of arraigning and punishing by imprisonment, these three inoffensive persons before the bar of this court, (Continued on page 15)

Filled With the Holy Ghost

E. M. MORTENSON

In the Acts of the Apostles, Luke continues the account of Christianity begun in the Gospel which bears his name. We notice in his first words, Acts 1:1, "The former treatise of what Jesus did and taught through the Holy Spirit." So before us we have the Holy Spirit filling the scene.

Our lesson, Acts 2:1-4, should be carefully read with special attention given to verse 4, the first clause, "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost." *Filled* is used here in the past tense, yet the word *fill* means to put or pour into, till no more can be received; to occupy the whole; as my dear mother used to say when we had our quiet hour for coffee and cake. She would begin filling my cup with coffee. I would say, "It's full! Stop!" She would continue pouring until the cup would run over and a portion would be in the saucer, saying, "It's not full until it runs over." So it is with the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Not only is one filled until one cannot receive more, but those around will also feel the effects of the outpouring.

I. THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST AND THE INFILLING TODAY

1. *They Were Obedient; Nothing Can Take the Place of Obedience*

Jesus had told them to return to Jerusalem and "TARRY UNTIL." There is no use going one inch farther unless you are absolute in your obedience to the command of Jesus! There is no use for pretense. He knows the thoughts and the intents of our hearts. If we are obedient, His Word teaches us, "For the promise (Holy Ghost) is unto you and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call," Acts 2:39.

2. *They Went Up into an Upper Room.* Acts 1:13

They were not in the cellar of despair, neither were they contaminated with any damp, dark, musty or underground affairs.

Jesus said, "Men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil." To receive our infilling we cannot be in the "UPPER ROOM" and have connection with the "LOWER ROOM" or the beggarly elements of the world. We must lift ourselves above the earthly things which tend to draw us away from the Master.

3. *They All Prayed.* Acts 1:14.

I cannot believe that half of them were whispering, wondering if anything were going to happen, three fingers placed properly on the forehead with enough space between for "PEEPING" to see what others were doing. I believe the prayer (not out of a prayer book) was the sincere utterance from the depth of their souls for the promise which they were about to receive.

4. *They Kept On; They All Continued* —Didn't Quit

This calls to my mind an experience my brother had while seeking his baptism with the Holy Ghost. He became rather discouraged while at the altar seeking. He rested his head upon the altar. The man seeking the baptism next to him hit the altar with his hand and my brother heard him say, "Lord, give me the Holy Ghost! Lord, give me the Holy Ghost!" Nothing happened. He hit the altar again, and said, "Lord, give me the Holy Ghost and quit your fooling!" Let me say we cannot command God neither can we trap Him. We must tarry and be in the proper attitude UNTIL.

5. *In One Accord.* Acts 1:14

The man who creates disunion in the church is worse than an infidel, is



worse than a drunkard, worse than a liar or a thief. The man who sows discord in God's Church is on dangerous ground of hell. Here they were all in one accord; there was but one feeling, one wish, one desire. There was no grumbling, quarrelling, suspicion, jealousy or envy. They had only one expectation—THE PROMISE.

II. THE GREAT OUTPOURING; And Suddenly. V. 2.

The Holy Ghost fully comes! Hallelujah! Glory to God! Amen! When He comes your umbrella of doubt will be blown away. There is no more conceit or selfishness that has kept your soul dry and underfed, but instead happiness, until your jubilant praises His name will extol. They were all filled with the Holy Ghost. They were in the right condition of mind and soul. They were empty therefore filled. They were not filled with business, pleasure, seeing what they could get by with, politics (church or otherwise), love of money or caring what friends would say and think

about them, but they were waiting and ready and suddenly they were filled and when they were they knew it and felt very keenly the effects of the glorious baptism.

III. THEY BEGAN TO SPEAK WITH OTHER TONGUES AS THE SPIRIT GAVE UTTERANCE. Acts 2:4.

This of course is the initial evidence of one having received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. It is a fact that many so-called scholarly men have tried to dispute this but the Word stands steadfast, unchangeable. We rejoice that hundreds, yea, thousands, have received their filling according to this scripture and it hasn't blown away or dried up or frozen out yet, but glory to God, it is still just as real as the day when they received their baptism.

HOWEVER, there is an allusion among some that all they have to do is hear someone speaking in tongues and they have the baptism of the Holy Spirit. DO NOT MISUNDERSTAND ME! But there are other evidences (call them fruits if you wish) that follow when one has received this glorious gift. Jesus said, "Ye shall receive power AFTER that the Holy Ghost is come upon you," Acts 1:8.

POWER FOR WHAT? Ye shall witness. WHERE? JERUSALEM. Right at home, to your neighbors, in the factory, in the market place, JUDEA (when you take your vacation—witness—don't be on a vacation from God), Samaria (keep branching out, continually witnessing — let people know you have the baptism), unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

Many a poor Christian has been as timid as Peter before Pentecost, yet after receiving the baptism can witness more easily.

Having to bring to close these words of exhortation, let me indelibly impress upon your mind this one thought—POWER TO WITHSTAND THE WILES OF THE DEVIL. In this evil day when Satan is trying in every and any way he can to destroy God's people, stand fast in the liberty of God and QUENCH NOT THE SPIRIT.

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FINAL REPORT ON OUR CENTRAL AMERICAN MISSION TOUR

BY J. H. INGRAM,
Field Representative

Our last article was written from Guatemala City, Central America, where we spent two weeks with Brother P. D. Hoggatt and wife, our new Guatemalan missionaries. Brother Hoggatt is assistant overseer of our mission work in the Republic of Guatemala and is doing a good work. Sister Hoggatt, former student-teacher in the Bible Training School, will be remembered as Jane Hart.

During the time of our visit with Brother and Sister Hoggatt we held a week's meeting in the Guatemala City mission of the Church of God. The work was formerly registered as the National Evangelical Mission and since uniting with the Church of God about a year and a half ago, forty of the members of the congregation numbering about one hundred and twenty, have received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and Brother Hoggatt had baptized eighty-three in water by immersion. President Ubico gave them a lot for the church and they have already started building.

Before coming to Guatemala City for my last meeting, I spent about two weeks with Brother C. T. Furman and wife in Kezaltenango. Brother Furman, who is serving as overseer of the work in Guatemala, is a pioneer missionary, having spent more than twenty years on the field in that territory and is doing a good work yet. Sister Furman is a real missionary likewise and is a great blessing to the work. We had planned for our annual conference in Chucaca Totonicapan Department, as has been the custom for years, but had to postpone the meeting on account of an epidemic of deadly typhus fever that wiped out about twenty members of said congregation. In fact, there were a great many deaths throughout the country and we had to limit our activities to visiting some of our larger congregations in the main centers, and felt very thankful to God because we ourselves escaped.

From Guatemala we went on south to San Salvador, the capital of the Republic of El Salvador, but only spent two nights there as Brother Frederic Mebius had announced a week's meeting in our central mission at El Congo. This place is in the country and one might imagine himself to be in the real African Congo except for the absence of the colored people, and, of course, the Salvadorians speak Spanish, which is the official language throughout Central America with the exception of British Honduras. Brother Mebius is the

founder of the work in El Salvador and is still quite active in spite of his advanced age. Brother Herbert S. Syverson is the missionary overseer, but he is on a furlough in the United States at the present and Brother Hoggatt is acting as overseer in his absence. The work in that country is spreading very rapidly, judging from what I saw and heard from our ministers present with us in the El Congo meetings. These meetings were very blessed and well attended in spite of the rainy season, with heavy downpours nearly every day. We made the trip over to El Salvador by plane so as to be in Mexico City with Brother Cross at the general fellowship meeting. We had a novel experience flying over the fiery crater of the famous volcano Santa Maria in Guatemala and on the way down to San Salvador the volcano Izalco let loose with tremendous explosion at the moment our plane soared by, throwing out tons of volcanic ash and lava, with flames of fire and smoke that should make any infidel believe in the Bible doctrine that refers to the place called hell.

We took the train through Mexico and the reunion there, celebrating the union of the National Christian Church of the Assemblies of God in Mexico with the Church of God, was certainly blessed of God and should be long remembered by all those present, as a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. From Mexico City we came on home to Lynwood, California, in time to attend the last part of the wonderful revival being held in the church at East Los Angeles by Rev. and Mrs. R. B. Jackson. These fine preachers have had a great many years' experience in the evangelistic field and have lately cast their lot with us. Welcome! Brother and Sister Jackson, and may the reclining years of your lives be your best ones for God and His Church!

WILLING WORKERS BUILD CHURCH IN INDIA

The following article is copied from the South Carolina church paper.

The Greenville church gave \$3,473.13 in the state convention mission offering. Of this amount \$1,610.23 came from the L. W. W. B. and \$1,862.90 from the Sunday School. Of course, the amount that had previously been given for building the church in India was not included in these figures.—
M. P. Cross.

The L. W. W. B. of Greenville No. 1, after working under the faithful leadership of their good president, Sister Cordie Hix, had a strong desire to build a church in India where hungry souls might find food, where weary, faint ones might find comfort and rest in a land of darkness where the wonderful light of God's love

might shine down into hearts, heathen hearts, bound by superstition and demons. We had heard the story from our precious missionaries who had braved the storms of life to bring light to this benighted place, where there was never enough food to satisfy, never enough plain rice to satisfy the gnawing pangs of hunger. So many were diseased until our missionaries' baby was never allowed to paddle in the warm sand barefoot due to the germs in the earth caused by treading feet.

Oh how God was speaking to our hearts to help. We responded. We said, "Yes," but it seemed at first in the future but not now. We first said, "Yes, we can build it in a year," but the vision became greater, our hearts more touched, the church a little nearer. We said, "Yes, six months," but God didn't want us to wait. The King's business requires haste, so we said, "Now, not a year from now, but now."

It was time for our quarterly business meeting. We all came together and Sister Hix suggested we bring our money together and see what we had. No one had worked any harder. No one had boasted of doing anything, but we all worked in harmony and unity for the glory of God. It was time for the election of the new officials. We met in the small auditorium of the church with our new and esteemed pastor, Brother Houston R. Morehead, also Brother and Sister Case. It seemed God was hovering over us from the very beginning. We hurried through the business session, then had some remarks from Brother and Sister Case. Then Brother Morehead gave the most inspiring talk a group of L. W. W. B. members could ever hear.

We caught a greater vision through that short message than we had before. We caught the vision of walking and living with the shadow of the Cross over us, never straying to the left or the right, but always in the shadow where God could bless and use us. Tears of joy flowed freely, hearts were opened wide to the will of the Master.

Then we went up and laid our gifts at the feet of Jesus, so to speak. No one seemed to think we had much, each one quietly obeying God. When the money was counted, we had the correct amount to build the church, with an additional five dollars. Sister Case explained to us it would take the extra five dollars to send the money across.

There was a shout in the camp that day. We had made such a small effort, but yet, what results it was going to bring.

Someone suggested we give those souls over there something new, an

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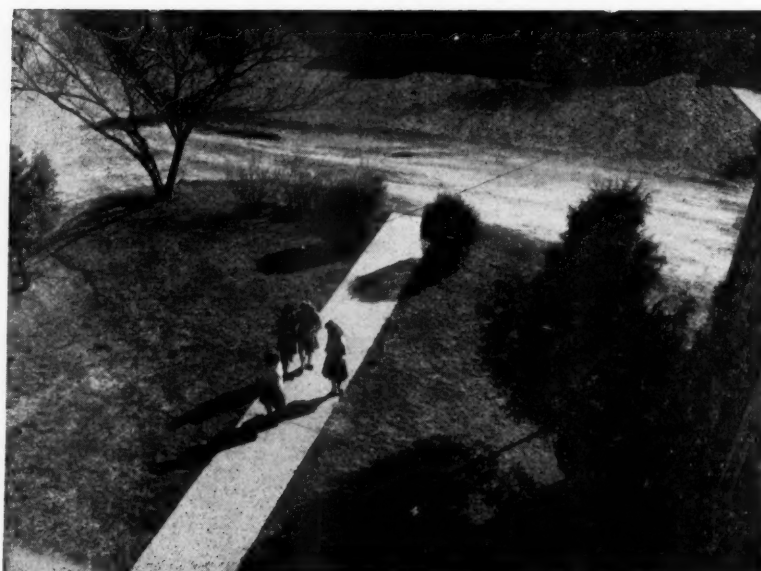
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State Convention Orphanage Offerings

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| 1. North Carolina . . . | \$7,050.92 |
| 2. Georgia | 6,885.88 |
| 3. South Carolina . . . | 6,786.00 |
| 4. West Virginia . . . | 6,000.00 |



Joe R. Little

The above figures represent the cash money as reported by the General Secretary's office as the state convention orphanage offerings, which of course, do not include prizes and other expenses paid out by the states.

GEORGIA

Georgia runs a close second to North Carolina in the orphanage offering at their state convention.

Rev. Joe R. Little, state Y.P.E. and Sunday School superintendent, whose picture appears above, surely must have worked hard to increase Georgia's orphanage offering from \$829.41, the amount given in 1942, to this year's figure.

NORTH CAROLINA

Above is a picture of Ralph E. Williams, state Y.P.E. and Sunday School superintendent of North Carolina. It is not necessary for anyone to tell you that he has been on the job this year when you notice that North Carolina takes first place in state convention orphanage offerings with more than \$7,000. Then look back at last year and see that their orphanage offering was only \$3,121.38.

NOTE: Just a few weeks ago West Virginia sent in a check for \$6,000 for the orphanage which was at that time the largest amount that any state had ever sent to the orphanage at one time. The picture of this check and the state Y.P.E. and Sunday School superintendent appeared in a recent issue of the Evangel, but now North Carolina, Georgia and South Carolina have come along and beat this record.

We highly appreciate these and all



Ralph E. Williams

other states with their state overseers and Sunday School and Y.P.E. superintendents who are faithfully working for the Church of God orphanage. We will let you wait until the General Assembly to get the final total figures.—M. P. Cross, Supt.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PRIZES FOR SELLING ORPHANAGE PLATES

In February the Orphanage Committee announced that they would give a first and second prize to the state in each of the three groups which turned in the most money for the sale of orphanage plates by August 1.

We are happy to announce that Florida, Illinois, and California received the first prize in their respective groups, and Tennessee, Virginia, and Michigan, second prize. We have ordered the company to ship the free plates promised to the overseers of these respective states.

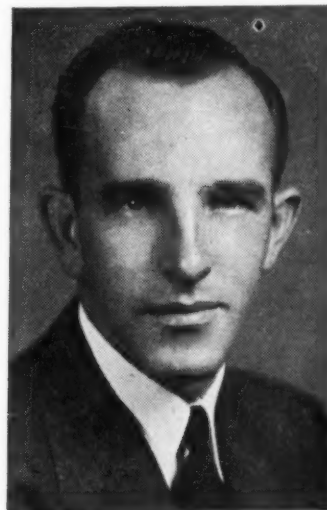
We feel that Illinois, with E. O. Kerce as overseer and T. R. Morse, Y.P.E. and Sunday School superintendent, deserve special mention since they turned in \$1,786.06. While their state is in group B, this is more than any other state in any group turned in in the specified time.

Thank you, brethren, and God will richly reward you for your work to help the fatherless and motherless children in our Home.—M. P. Cross, superintendent.

ANOTHER MARK FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

In South Carolina last year a new mark was made for the state convention orphanage offering in the amount of \$5,061.10. Surely everyone thought that was a record that would be hard to exceed. However, through the untiring efforts of our Sunday School and Y.P.E. superintendent, H. F.

Douglas, (pictured below) and the co-operation of the faithful ministers, members and friends of the Church of God in South Carolina, another record has been made for this state. The amount of the state convention orphanage offering this year was \$6,786.—L. W. McIntyre, state overseer.



H. F. Douglas

WILLING WORKERS BUILD CHURCH IN INDIA

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all-day dedication service when the church was finished and all the rice everyone wanted. So we all carried down an additional offering for that.

We departed to our homes, happy because we felt we had spent a full day for Jesus, and we would see those souls marching in when the day of all days arrives.

No, we are not going to sit down and fold our hands with that church but are going to labor to build others, many, many others we hope. Then when they come in from the East and the West and the North and the South, all can see the fruits of our labor as in Proverbs 31:31—"Give her of the fruit of her hands and let her own works praise her in the gates."—By Anderine Fox.

This L. W. W. B. already has \$818.69 on deposit for state convention mission offering. They expect to reach \$1,400. No, not the church. That will be much more, BUT THIS IS L. W. W. B.'S WORK. GO AND DO THOU LIKEWISE. Help your pastor with his mission offering.

God's message is a message for the whole world, and the responsibility of carrying it rests on the whole church.

The heathen will never get the light of the pure gospel from the lofty church steeple, but from the lowly church people, which is "the city set on a hill" that "cannot be hid."

REPORTS

Looking Forward

CASHIERS, N. C.—We are expecting to start a revival here in an old storehouse. We are hoping to get the Church of God set in order at the close of our revival and get started on our new church building. We have half an acre of land bought here to build a church on, so pray for God to provide the finance for the building and pray for Him to fill it with a host of faithful members who will stand till Jesus comes. The Lord has blessed and is blessing us here.

I am glad I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Pray that I may do His blessed will, also pray for my son in the army and my unsaved boy and daughters and a dear grandson in North Africa.—Mrs. Sallie K. McCall.

A Blessed Service

BIGTIMBER, Mont.—I certainly praise the name of Jesus for His goodness to His children. We have so much to praise Him for. This past week we had service every night. Brother Chrismore did the preaching. The last night two received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. We surely had a blessed service; it lasted till 1:30 in the morning. The saints were all uplifted. Please remember us in your prayers.—Mrs. Joseph J. Kisser.

Daily Vacation Bible School Wonderful

LOGAN, W. Va.—We appreciated the wonderful Bible School that has just closed here at Aracoma, the Logan Church of God. Eighty-five were on roll and I think most of them attended regularly. The Bible School was conducted by Sister C. E. French, assisted by Mrs. J. C. Jeffries, Mrs. Marvel Winters, Mrs. Recie Cox, Mrs. Ethel Vest and Bobby Gee, who played the piano.

All the children seemed to take a great interest. The closing program was Friday night, the 11th. They surely had a fine program, one I don't think will be forgotten. The ages ran from four to fourteen, with a few older ones. They have been inquiring already when the Bible School would start again. They are looking forward to having another one in the near future. I feel we don't spend enough time training the children.

Please pray for my granddaughter to be healed, also for Mrs. Ted Ellis.—Mrs. E. F. Bennett, Box 892.

Greatest Year in History of Church

WILLIAMSBURG, Ky.—The Church of God at Williamsburg, Ky., is having the greatest year in the history of this church. June 13 we had an all-day meeting with dinner on the ground, raising \$361 to pay the indebtedness on this church. We also have purchased a nice five-room parsonage. We thank all the people who came and helped us, also Brother W. J. Milligan, our good state overseer, and our district pastor, W. B. Webb. Pray for us as the church is

going over the top for God.—Levi Henson, pastor; H. E. Hatcher, clerk.

Glad To Report Victory

BLADENBORO, N. C.—We are glad to report victory for the Church of God here in Bladenboro No. 1 church. We thank God for the wonderful way He is blessing here in spite of the trials and discouragement we have had in the last three months.

We were without a pastor for a while, then Brother W. E. Spearman came here for a revival. He surely did some good preaching and the church was greatly revived. Then our new pastor came, Brother G. F. Bradshaw, and wife. He ran a ten-day revival. Five were saved, four sanctified and one filled with the Holy Ghost. He is a fine man of God and we surely appreciate him and his wife. Please pray for the church that it will ever grow and be a soul-winning station for Jesus.—Mollie Sue Thomas, Box 208, Whiteville, N. C.

Another Landmark Dedicated to the Church of God

The East End Church of God in Dayton, Ohio, was set in order July 16, 1941, by Brother Clark, who was Ohio state overseer at that time, with Brother A. R. Heaston as pastor. The building was bought November 13, 1942. Since that time they have remodeled it, putting new stained windows, which were bought by Sister Campbell who sold her diamond ring and she and her husband have come into the church. A vestibule was built on the front of the building and the building was replastered, the Sunday School and Y.P.E. furnishing the money for a new floor and seats. All departments worked together. This cost \$800 and is all paid for. Praise His name. A new roof was put on and the building covered with imitation stone. This cost \$1,000.

As the church was never dedicated, the pastor thought Sunday, July 18, would be a good time, as the church would be two years old. Brother Corley, of Middletown, and also district pastor, delivered the dedicatory message. We had some very good special music. There were several neighboring preachers present and each one said a few words. Brother Corley took an offering to help the church, which was \$700, including some pledges. A wonderful day was spent with the Lord. Two souls were saved at the evening service, which was preached by the pastor, Brother Heaston. The Lord sent Brother Garrett, of Virginia, in Tuesday evening and we are expecting a good revival. Pray for us that souls will be saved and baptized with the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Heaston, 225 High St., Dayton, Ohio.

Our Fellowship Meeting

BOLLING, Ala.—The Lord really blessed us at our fellowship meeting the fourth Sunday in June. We were all singing when the power of God fell and every child of God there was

shouting the victory. The Lord gave us a mighty outpouring of His Spirit that day. The Church of God at Chapman hasn't dried up yet. I feel good in my soul right now; I feel like traveling on. Praise the Lord of glory. Every child of God pray for my husband that God will save his soul.—Sister Annie Goram, Rt. 1.

REVIVALS

WALHALLA NO. 2, S. C.—We praise God for the wonderful two weeks' revival just closed with six saved, seven sanctified, eight filled with the Holy Ghost, and three added to the church, with the evangelists, Brother and Sister James Shealy. They are wonderful workers for the Lord. Please help us pray for them, also remember Walhalla No. 2 that we may stay on fire for God. Praise the Lord.—C. L. Bottoms, clerk; D. W. Moody, pastor.

GASTONIA, N. C.—We have just closed a good revival at the South Gastonia church. Rev. Harry A. Mushegan, of Los Angeles, Calif., was the evangelist. He and his wife proved to be a blessing to our church. There were twenty-two saved and a goodly number sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.—Rev. W. M. Stallings.

ASHBURN, Ga.—I do thank God for the wonderful plan of salvation and how He has blessed me in my work. I have just closed a two weeks' meeting at Albany, Ga. The hearts of many were made glad and were sorry for us to close the meeting. We left four standing for the Church of God and others expecting to come in when we return.

The meeting was conducted by the state overseer of the colored work, Brother W. M. Tarver, and others. This is a new work and the people are really seeing the light on the Church of God.

We have a nice Sunday School started.—J. A. Harris, colored, 344 Washington St.

LAKE PLACID, Fla.—The Church of God here closed a most wonderful revival July 18 with nine saved, five sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost, four baptized and two added to the church. The power of God was in almost every service and the church has received great blessings from this revival. Brother Talbert Kelly, Frostproof, Fla., did the preaching.—Carl Bryan, pastor.

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—We just closed a three weeks' revival in East Los Angeles Church of God in which ten were saved, two filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4) and seven baptized in water (Church of God fashion). Evangelist R. B. Jackson and wife filled the pulpit, Brother Jackson doing most of the preaching. Brother Jackson has just come into the Church, although he has stood behind the sacred desk for forty-seven years and has had a vast experience in revival work all over the United States and knows how to win souls to God. Sister Jackson told about her marvelous healing after she had been in an automobile accident.

The last night (July 25) we had an

old-time downpour so that the preacher could not minister but there was great victory in the camp. We had an altar call and sick folk were prayed for. God worked in a marvelous way. How I praise God. He is still working among His people. Pray for us in East Los Angeles.—The pastor, M. D. Hanson, 4474 Triggs St., Los Angeles 23, Calif.

New Work at Robert and Bedico, La.

On April 6 Brother O. L. McManus, of New Orleans, held me a revival with one receiving the Holy Ghost. On April 18 I started a revival with our esteemed state overseer, Rev. W. C. Byrd, doing the preaching. There were six saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, two reclaimed and five added to the church. On May 6 I started another revival at Robert with Brother and Sister F. W. Alexander, Sister Alexander doing the preaching. Eight were saved, seven sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost, and three added to the church. The revival ran three weeks. On May 1 and 2 we had our district meeting, which was a great success. Our mission offering was \$108, for which we praise God. I never worked with a more willing and obedient people than at Robert and Bedico.—F. M. Fitzgerald, pastor.

MONROE, Va.—We have just closed a very successful revival here with Brother and Sister E. P. Burrow, of Abingdon, Va. A goodly number was saved and sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost and five added to the church. Brother and Sister Burrow are good evangelists and we appreciate them very much. Our work here has made good progress. We also appreciate our pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Snyder.—Maggie Baldree, clerk.

EUDORA, Ark.—We praise the Lord for the revival which closed Sunday night, July 18. Brother L. T. Bolan did the preaching; Sister Bolan and their boys were in charge of the music. The Dozier boy also rendered help in the music. Sister Bertie Cater, of Epps, La., was a great help in the singing. Five were reclaimed and others were seeking. Saints were greatly encouraged to press on. Pray for the work here at Boueff River Church of God. Sister Bolan is now in charge of a daily vacation Bible school at the church.—Eva Cain, clerk.

LANCASTER, Ky.—We have just closed a wonderful revival here at Lancaster, with Sister Mary Wilson, of Paris, Ky., doing the preaching. The revival ran for eighteen days. Ten were converted, eight sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost, seven added to the church and five baptized in water. We also visited a woman who had cancer of the stomach who the doctor said must die in twenty minutes. God wonderfully raised her up and she is healed and going to church. Her husband and son were saved and they are now members of the church. Many others were healed also.—W. L. Bloomfield, pastor.

Power Falling—Souls Saved— Miraculous Healings

ST. CHARLES, Va.—After receiving word from Sister C. H. Blankenship that a revival was to begin June 19 at the Church of God, St. Charles, Va., with Sister Bertha G. Shideler, of Muncie, Ind., as evangelist, I made a trip here to be in this revival. This is the fifth week of the revival and the Holy Ghost power has been falling in each service. Sermons have been preached in tongues and interpreted by the evangelist. Sister Shideler's messages were food to our souls. The attendance has been grand and at times the building has been filled to its capacity.

The saints have been praying and fasting that God would give us souls for our hire. Sunday, July 18, eight souls were saved and three sanctified. At times there have been as many as thirty at the altar.

We praise God for the souls He has given us and for the good singing, the quartets, duets, solos, the choir and all who played a great part in this revival. The power of God has fallen in the song service nearly every night while souls shouted under the power of God. The saints have been lifted to a higher plane and many sinners are thinking more seriously about their souls. There have been twenty-one saved, eleven sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost, and one added to the church.

Rev. C. H. Blankenship, the good and capable pastor, has assisted in the preaching. He and Sister Shideler remarked that this is the first Holy Ghost revival they have seen in progress like this for about twenty years. The pastor's faithful wife has been on the job, visiting and praying with backsliders and those who have grown cold, causing them to return to the Lord.

There were two miraculous healings. Brother Tyre, who trusted the Lord for blood poison, was delivered from the hand of death. Brother Kelley had his right shoulder hurt in the mines and couldn't lift his arm much higher than his waist line. He came to the altar seeking the Holy Ghost and God healed him and he lifted his hands over his head, praising God. Others were healed.

This revival has been more to this community than any soul can ever tell. The power of God has made people understand more fully some of the hidden mysteries found in God's Word. Some people didn't seem to understand the working of the Holy Ghost. Dear readers, pray for the church here at St. Charles, Va.—Alice E. Kiser, War, W. Va.

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Again Patrick Henry paused for the third time, slowly waved the indictment around his head, and then turning to the judges, looking them full in the face, exclaimed with the most impressive effect, "What laws have they violated?"

The whole assembly was now painfully moved and excited. A judge ended the scene by saying, "Sheriff, discharge these men."—*Western Voice*.

THE BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY GHOST

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close his great sermon he said: "For the promise (or Holy Ghost) is unto you (those present) and to your children (the next generation) and to all who are afar off (those who were not Jews and spiritually were afar off from God, and those who were not dwelling at Jerusalem but afar off, as they were to witness to the uttermost parts of the earth of this received blessing, that those living afar off could receive this promise also) even as many as the Lord our God shall call" (as it is not God's will that any should perish but that all should come to repentance, and no man can come to God unless the Spirit draws him. God at some time in everyone's life, that is, those that come to the age of accountability, convicts of sin and calls to repentance, and no one could deny that all believers are called of God.) Thus this wonderful promise of the Holy Ghost is for all believers everywhere.

WONDERFUL PRIVILEGE

It is indeed a wonderful privilege today to have the baptism of the Holy Ghost and to be led of Him into the truths of the Bible, which helps us as the people of God to be drawn near to God, enabling us to stand true in a time when "men are lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God," which is one of the signs of the last days. While men's hearts are failing for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth, the Spirit-filled saint of God is resting his case in the hands of his heavenly Father and has that peace that the world knows not of. He is truly "dwelling in the secret place of the most High, and abiding under the shadow of the Almighty" in these dark days of war, trouble and heartaches on every hand. It is the Spirit-filled today who haven't forgotten God because of prosperity, but are looking and longing for the return of Jesus. It is the Spirit-filled minister that is preaching the old time gospel in its fullness. This kind of preaching

by men who were full of the Holy Ghost and who were aflame for God has brought the Church of God to where it is today, and it is the humble opinion of the writer that this is what will keep the Church growing and expanding, reaching out into lands that have never been touched with the full gospel.

The reason we have the book in the New Testament called the Acts of the Apostles is because the apostles were filled with the Holy Ghost from heaven and this burning zeal caused them to act under the influence of the Holy Ghost within them. They preached the gospel without fear and although persecuted and driven from place to place, they never lost the burning zeal and love for lost souls and the desire to carry out the great commission given them by Christ to carry this gospel to all the world. We have in our midst today many wonderful ministers who are a credit to the ministry and the Church, who never had the great advantage that some have had of a good education, these perhaps were working in the fields, in the mills, at a carpenter's bench or perhaps at the sawmill. They had received the Holy Ghost and God called them to the ministry. Although unqualified in many things and feeling their weakness, they had the most essential thing, the Spirit of God within them, and a love for lost humanity that would cause them to go their limit for God. These ministers have gone out into the highways and byways, the mountains and the plains and have preached the gospel with boldness coupled with power that only God alone can give. They have won many souls, who in turn have taken their place in the Church and are working, praying and supporting the Church and the ministry. This great institution, the Church of God, with its many nice churches, its publishing house, its orphanages and its Bible School and College, where many of our ministers today can study and equip themselves for the ministry, has not just happened to come into existence but is the result of the Spirit of God working through thousands of humble saints. May we ever keep this great Spirit of God with us. May we ever be led and directed by Him. May we ever keep this burning zeal and desire to see souls brought from the paths of sin into the glorious light of the gospel, and may we, until He comes again for His own, be ever longing, waiting and watching.

I Want To Be a Soldier of the Cross

Dear Evangel Readers, I praise God for what He has meant to me through my life. When I was young I left my good Christian home to seek freedom, for I wanted to be like the world, therefore I thought that my parents were too strict on me. When I left home I soon accepted a job with the Seaboard Railroad Company. While I was working with that company I met a woman whom I married soon after. After a few years of living with her she left me, carrying my two children and teaching them to hate me. She caused me to lose my job, therefore I had to come back down to working for a dollar a day. During this time

my praying mother was praying that whatever it took, God would save my soul.

One night I felt my need of prayer. I knelt to pray; I prayed for about four hours and finally God saved my soul. Later I denied God and went back on Him, but God strove with my heart again and I gave my heart to Him. The devil, through my ex-wife, gave me lots of temptations but by the grace of God I am still standing true and intend to stand true through my future life. My experience cost me my home and a good job, but it is worth everything in the world.

I am now in the Army and I know that God is still able to help me. I ask you to please pray for me as I enter in every day's new work, for I want to be a light for Jesus. I want to be a soldier of the cross as well as a soldier for the United States Army. Please pray for me.—R. L. Raulerson, Camp Campbell, Ky.

Jesus Has Never Failed

Dear Sirs, I am a private in Uncle Sam's great army. I am also in the army of Christ Jesus, the greatest army of all. I enlisted in this great army of Jesus a year ago last November and I am not in the least sorry of it. Although sometimes the devil has been too strong for me, yet Jesus has never failed to forgive and forget. Thank God for an understanding Christ. I have read the Evangel ever since I was saved and outside of the Lighted Pathway I think it is the best help a Christian can have.

Dear Saints, please pray for the saving of my father and for my brothers, both of whom were saved at one time but have gone back. Pray for the healing of my mother's body and the strengthening of my determination to go on for Jesus.—Pvt. Roy W. Payne, Co. C., 61st Signal Bn., APO 303, Nashville, Tenn.

Healed of Cancer

PITTSBURGH, Kans.—I praise the Lord for healing a cancer on my face. I believed it was God's will to trust Him for healing, as I had been healed at different times. I continued asking for prayer and fasted occasionally. In one of Brother Archer's articles on "Faith" he said he believed the Lord would heal ninety-nine cases out of one hundred. That was encouragement for me. I took a retrospect of my life. Why not be in the ninety-nine class? One night at service the message just appealed to me and I was healed while under God's power at the altar, the Lord revealing it to me three weeks later, and just three weeks later the cancer fell off, leaving my face entirely healed.

I thank all who prayed for me.—Rosa Ralph, 1013 E. 14th St.

Healed of Mastoids

TENNILLE, Ga. — I praise the Lord for salvation; victory over sin; and have the good Holy Ghost abiding in my soul. The Lord has been so good to me. I praise Him for healing me of mastoids. I had very severe pains in my head but the Lord healed me. Praise His name.—Maude Oliver, Box 115.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

We receive many requests for the salvation of relatives, loved ones, and friends, also for urgent unspoken requests. There are so many of these it is impossible to publish them, but we ask that all take them to heart and earnestly pray that the Lord will answer prayer in their behalf. In order for requests to be published they must be signed.

PRAY FOR:

The healing of my body; the healing of my sister's foot.—Mrs. W. C. Rylee, Blytheville, Ark.

Unspoken request.—Ruby Helms, Rt. 1, Box 46, Isola, Miss.

God to heal me of a serious heart ailment.—Evangelist Eula Utman, 118 Marttown Road, Parkersburg, W. Va.

My complete healing. — A. Cliff Searcy, Rt. 4, Box 127, Winnsboro, La.

The healing of James L. Collins' body; his wife; Mrs. Serman Payne to be healed of an infection of the bone.—Mrs. W. A. Huddleston, 900 Cherokee St., Maryville, Tenn.

The healing of my body of severe stomach trouble; my unsaved daughter.—Mrs. Pearl Simmons, Commerce St., Ladonia, Texas.

God to heal my son's leg and rebuke this terrible thing and not let him lose his limb; the Lord to heal me of varicose veins, they are bad; very urgent request.—Sister Gertrude Key, Gen. Del., Lowell, Ariz.

My baby to be healed.—Alvin Walker, Brasstown, N. C.

Me to be healed of bad heart and nerve trouble.—Mrs. J. A. Hamilton, Nashville, Ga.

God to heal me of low blood pressure and make me stronger spiritually, I am in a bad condition and have a small baby to care for. My husband is in the army and not saved. Encouragement will be appreciated.—Mrs. John E. Amos, Box 205, Lenoir City, Tenn.

The healing of my foot, I am suffering with it and the doctors say it

must be taken off.—George Eason, Rt. 1, Surrency, Ga.

The Lord to heal my baby, he is in bad health and has been sick for quite a while; my home and me.—Mrs. Easter Jackson, Hill City, Ga.

The healing of my body, I have had a nervous breakdown and have other troubles; God to undertake here at Lamar.—Mable Bane, Lamar, W. Va.

The Lord to heal my dear mother of gall bladder trouble; my brother in the army to receive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Mary Maser, Rt. 3, Madisonville, Tenn.

Me to be healed of nervousness and other troubles; Mrs. L. J. Kersey to be healed.—Mrs. Roscoe Godwin, Ehren, Fla.

The healing of Sister Graham's son who got his leg broke; unspoken request; Sister Graham to be healed.—Mrs. Eva Smith, Rt. 1, Lawrenceville, Ga.

The healing of my daughter, the doctors say she is losing her eyesight; my husband's father to be healed and saved.—Mrs. Jessie Haddock, Orangeburg, S. C.

This is to thank every one who answered my request for prayer for my little boy. He is greatly improved. Please continue to pray for him, also pray for my body, it is so weak. Each letter and card has been a help and blessing and I received more than I had time to answer. Each one came just as if the hand of the Lord was lifting me when I was in need. I thank you every one. May God bless you.—Mrs. Mary Lou Arrington, 1815 Fenwick St., Augusta, Ga.

Mrs. Roy J. Young who has bronchitis, high blood pressure and tumor to be healed.—Rev. Roy J. Young, 7614 Robin Rd., Dallas 9, Tex.

The Lord to provide a way for me and a friend to go to B.T.S. He knows the circumstances and knows that it will take earnest prayer in my behalf if I get to go.—Pauline Tarver, Rt. 2, Corryton, Tenn.

THE CHRISTIAN RACE

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been the winner. Cognizant of his position, he exclaimed, "I have fought a good fight." He had come to the end of earth's race course as a "runner" and as a fighter against his foe; he had fought well and had won. With this knowledge at heart, he said, "I am now ready to be offered . . . I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." All of us may have this "incorruptible crown." But if we are to obtain it, we must

"run" and we must fight a "good fight." If we look behind us at the things of the world, we will be entangled in our minds; faith will fall and it will become impossible to move on toward the goal. We must, if necessary, "press" forward, and certainly we must "run," and there will be times when we will have to "fight" whether we like it or not.

WORKING TOGETHER

"Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel," Phil. 1:27. Here he visualizes all the body

of Christians working together to promote the cause of Christ, as a football team, each one doing his part to make his side the winner. Christians who work together erect a solid front against Satan. Those who work against each other work against the cause of Christ and thereby aid Satan—criticism, whispering, backbiting and whatsoever is not of love, faith and charity. If Christians stand together, there will be no occasion to be "terrified by your adversaries" or the opposing side.

A CASTAWAY

Unless we "run" with patience; unless we "fight" a good fight; unless we bring "our bodies under subjection" to the rule of Christ; unless we work together, we are most certain to be a "castaway." But not so with Paul. Hear him again, "I am now ready to be offered. . . I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." Let us be ready when He comes, and be at peace among ourselves.

When Patrick Henry Defended Three Gospel Preachers in Court

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for a crime of great magnitude, as disturbers of the peace.

"May it please the court, what did I hear read? Did I hear it distinctly, or was it a mistake of my own? Preaching the gospel of the Son of God?"

Amid a silence that could be felt, Patrick Henry waved the indictment three times around his head and exclaimed, "Great God!" At this point the audience relieved their feelings by a burst of sighs and tears.

The orator continued, "May it please your worships, in a day like this, when truth is about to burst her fetters; when mankind is about to be aroused to claim his natural and inalienable rights, when the yoke of oppression that has reached the wilderness of America, and the unnatural alliance of ecclesiastical and civil power is about to be dissevered—at such a period when liberty—liberty of conscience, is about to awake from her slumbering, and inquire into the reason of such changes as I find exhibited here today in this indictment. . . Here another of his appalling pauses—"If I am not deceived, according to the contents of the paper I now hold in my hand, these men are accused of preaching the gospel of the Son of God!"

He waved the document three times around his head, as though still lost in wonder, and then with the same electric attitude of appeal to heaven he gasped, "Great God!" This was followed by another burst of feeling from the spectators, and against this, the master of effect plunged into the tide of his discourse.

"May it please your worships, there are periods in the history of man, when corrupt and depravity have so long debased the human character, that man sinks under the weight of the oppressor's hand, becomes his

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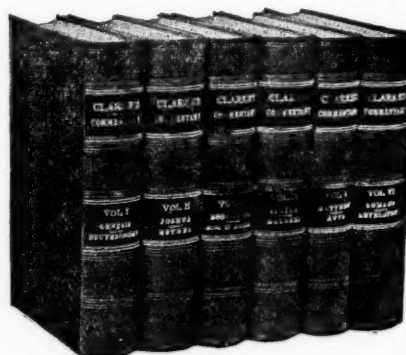
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